

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Richard Hexem has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, Richard has been a devoted servant to the people of South Dakota since joining the South Dakota Department of Transportation on April 24, 1984, serving in the capacity of Traffic Data Technician; and,

Whereas, Richard has endured tremendous hours of monitoring and maintaining traffic, pavement, and weather collection systems requiring long hours and personal sacrifice, to create safe travel opportunities for those he served; and,

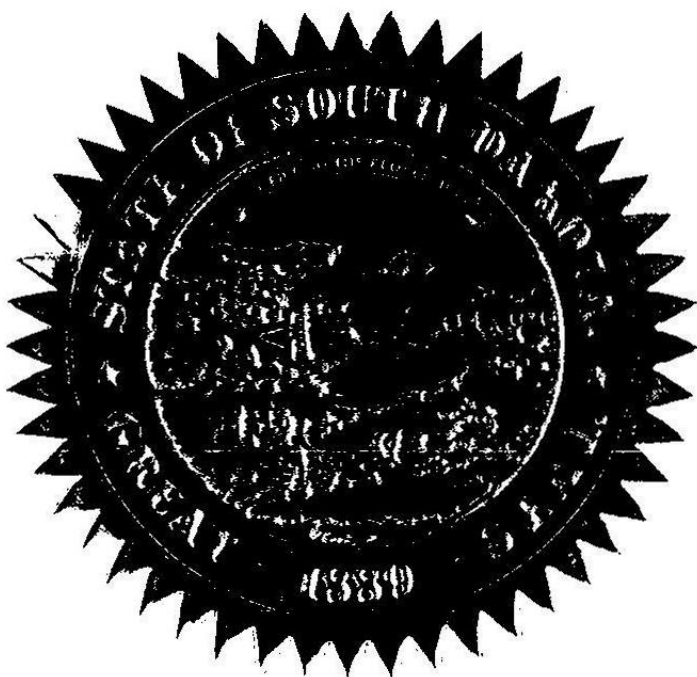
Whereas, On July 31, 2008, after more than 24 years of service to the South Dakota Department of Transportation, Richard is retiring; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan to honor and congratulate him as he officially retires:

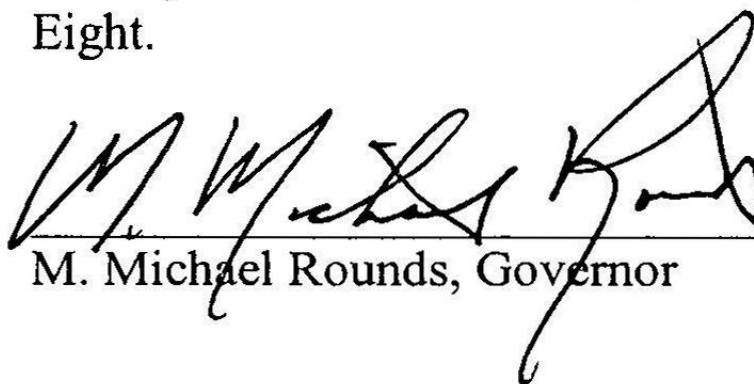
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2008, as

RICHARD HEXEM DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State